

4

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/763,372	TASKIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	DONNIE L. CROSLAND	2612	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed 1-23-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-55.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>12-9-04</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowing this application is the specific recitation in the claim 1 of the method for aligning a bridge for facilitating communication between nodes in a wireless computer network comprising after a first bridge is turned on for the first time or reset to factory default settings (i) automatically searching for a second bridge to associate with the first bridge, (ii) automatically associating the first bridge with the second bridge when the second bridge is found, and (iii) automatically displaying one or more indicators associated with the first bridge which indicate a signal strength of one or more signals received by the first bridge from the second bridge when the second bridge is associated with the first bridge..

Claim 21 recites the combination of a computer system operable to install or align a bridge for facilitating communication between nodes in a wireless computer network, the computer comprising one or more processors; one or more memory, wherein at least one of the processors and memory are adapted for after a first bridge is turned on for the first time or reset to factory default settings (i) automatically searching for a second bridge to associate with the first bridge, (ii) automatically associating the first bridge with the second bridge when the second bridge is found, and (iii) automatically displaying one or more indicators associated with the first bridge which indicate a signal strength of one or more signals received by the first bridge from the second bridge when the second bridge is associated with the first bridge..

Claim 36 recites the computer program product and the combination of after a first bridge is turned on for the first time or reset to factory default settings (i) automatically searching for a second bridge to associate with the first bridge, (ii) automatically associating the first bridge with the second bridge when the second bridge is found, and (iii) automatically displaying one or more indicators associated with the first bridge which indicate a signal strength of one or more signals received by the first bridge from the second bridge when the second bridge is associated with the first bridge..


Claim 52 recites the apparatus for installing or aligning a bridge for facilitating communication between nodes in a wireless computer network, comprising means for after a first bridge is turned on for the first time or reset to factory default settings (i) automatically searching for a second bridge to associate with the first bridge, (ii) automatically associating the first bridge with the second bridge when the second bridge is found, and (iii) automatically displaying one or more indicators associated with the first bridge which indicate a signal strength of one or more signals received by the first bridge from the second bridge when the second bridge is associated with the first bridge..


Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DONNIE L. CROSLAND whose telephone number is 571-272-2980. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur, 9:30a-6:00p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL HORABIK can be reached on 571-272-3068. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


DONNIE L. CROSLAND
Primary Examiner
Art Unit 2612

DLC 
4-11-06